

GREATER WESTERN

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PLEASE SEE OUR 2 ENTRIES IN 'EVENTS'

BLACKTOWN CITY LIBRARY

Level 1, cnr Alpha St and Flushcombe Rd.

Wheelchair access

FAMILY TREE MYSTERIES SOLVED (10)

This is a support group for those researching their family history. Members range from beginners to those with over thirty years' experience in genealogy. Join our friendly and helpful group whose members assist each other to solve their genealogy problems.

Alt Tuesdays from 9 July 10:00 - 12:00

Leader: Roslyn McMullen rmrfm12@gmail.com

Bookings: Marie Donaldson

mariedonaldson@optusnet.com.au

BLACKTOWN: WESTPOINT

Community Room, Fourth Floor, up Alpha St Ramp.
Parking available. **Wheelchair access**

POETRY AND PROSE FOR EVERYONE(15)

Bring your poems or prose to read, or just relax and listen to the reading of established authors, or members' own work.

Alt Thursdays from 4 July 10:00 - 12:00

Leader and bookings: Margaret Bacon 9622 7874

margaretbacon8@gmail.com

AUSTRALIA: ITS HISTORY, PEOPLE, EVENTS AND PLACES

Some outside presenters and some topics for sessions are chosen and presented by the group's very enthusiastic members.

Alt Thursdays from 11 July 10:00 - 12:00

Leader: Chris Scott 0412 625 571 chris.don@me.com

FUN AND GAMES

A light-hearted course to stretch your mind by playing scrabble, rummikub, canasta, and other games in a friendly atmosphere.

Every Friday from 5 July 10:00 - 1:00

Leader and bookings: June Keith 9621 1215

junekeith@optusnet.com.au

CRAFT AND CONVERSATION

Enjoy round table chats whilst working on personal projects such as knitting and sewing. Bring your own supplies.

Every Friday from 5 July 10:00-1:00

(Venue shared with Fun and Games)

Leader and bookings: June Keith 9621 121

junekeith@optusnet.com.au

GUILDFORD: HEWITT HOUSE

Cnr Guildford and Byron Rds Parking available.

WRITING CREATIVELY

Learn the skills of transforming experiences into prose and poetry and share the results in a friendly supportive environment.

Alt Wednesdays from 10 July 1:30 - 3:30

Leader and bookings: Glennis Henning 9872 5042

k.henning@optusnet.com.au

PARRAMATTA: RAFFLES BUILDING

Level 2, 1-3 Fitzwilliam St - adjacent to rail station

Wheelchair access and lift available

(Enter through glass doors left of library entrance)

Check with leaders for sessions during the school holidays

MANDARIN

This continuing course is intended for the Third Age people who want to learn Mandarin by means of learning Chinese characters and sentences using alphabetic transliteration. Your class level will determine alternate Monday session access.

Each Monday from 1 July 10:00 - 12:00

(no classes 8 July and 15 July)

Leader: Ying Mei Zhang

Bookings: Ying Mei Zhang 8872 7569 or

Nicole Liu 9311 2480

MANDARIN PIES (Practice in Everyday Speaking Chinese)

These sessions are for learners of Mandarin who want to practise and improve their listening and speaking skills. Activities range from basic everyday conversation to role plays and discussions facilitated by native Mandarin speakers.

Each Friday from 5 July 1:00 - 3:00

Leader and bookings: Stanley Yan 0408 544 925

stanyan100@hotmail.com (preferred)

BOOK OF THE MONTH (20)

Discussion group. New members most welcome. Share the experience, expand your understanding and enjoy the process.

Every 4th Monday from 22 July 10:00 - 12:00

Leader and bookings: Isabel Halton 9872 4467

THRILLERS AND MYSTERIES

Join a monthly book-reading group for those who read for entertainment and love 'whodunits'.

We each take turns in selecting two authors for the following month.

Every 4th Monday from 15 July 1:00 - 3:00

Leader and bookings: Dorothy Johnson 9621 2389 (after 5pm)

STORYTELLERS PARRAMATTA

We are a group of storytellers who write our stories down – true, fictional, serious, topical, amusing, sometimes in verse. A topic is suggested as 'homework' (optional), to be read out at the following session. Free choice is always acceptable.

Alt Tuesdays from 2 July 10:00 - 12:00

Leader and Bookings: Helen Reardon 9631 7241
helsjr@bigpond.com

GROWING YOUR FAMILY TREE

Interested in your family history? Join a friendly, helpful group all engaged in digging up their ancestors.

Alt Tuesdays from 9 July 1:00 - 3:00

Leader and bookings: John Venables 9484 0526
john_venables@yahoo.com

TEN SINGLE SESSION TUESDAYS (30)

A series of separate presentations on subjects of general interest.

All talks are from 10:00 - 12:00

Bookings: suebrennan88@gmail.com

1. The Islamic Golden Age

The history and achievements of the Islamic Golden Age. A spectrum of human achievement/geography, its role in providing a bridge between ancient and modern world.

Tuesday 23 July Speaker: Tony McCurdy

2. Music, Leisure and Pleasure in the 18th Century

The Industrial Revolution transformed 18th century London. In what leisure pursuits did the 'suddenly money/time enriched' middle class indulge?

Tuesday 6 Aug Speaker: Nora Hinchin

3. Signs and Symbols: Their History & Significance

Sydney's major natural history museum dates from 1827. We cover the museum's objectives, its collection, buildings, people and important events during its 190-year history.

Tuesday 20 Aug Speaker: John Flint

4. Spooks, Spirits, Spectres, Bunyips & Beasties

The true story of Fisher's Ghost, the Phantom Stockman, the Min-Min Lights. Backgrounds, origins and possible explanation of bunyips and other mysterious beasties.

Tuesday 3 Sept Speaker: Graham Sims

5. The Australian Light Horse and the Palestine Campaign

Story of the 'walers' of the ALH - from their charge on Beersheba to the relief of Jerusalem by General Allenby in 1917.

Tuesday 17 Sept Speaker: Peter Allen

6. My Mind's Made Up, Don't Confuse me With Facts!

An interactive challenging presentation where we look at popular perceptions about the world and contrast them with reality. Prepare to be surprised!

Tuesday 15 Oct Speaker: Tony McCurdy

7. Golden Years of Wireless

Using personal memories of the 40s and 50s Australian radio, hear Jack Davey, Bob Dyer, The Quiz Kids, 'Yes What', the serials, sports and more.

Tuesday 29 Oct Speaker: Graham Sims

8. Laughter Wellness: a talk about the serious benefits of laughter

Join us for a fun look at the serious benefits of laughter and find out how you can bring more laughter into your life.

Tuesday 12 Nov Speaker: Jane Broadbent

9. Macular Degeneration and Glaucoma

Age related macular degeneration and glaucoma. Types, causes, pathology, symptoms, signs and treatment will be discussed.

Tuesday 26 Nov

Speakers: Dr Helen Do and Dr Shweta Kaushik

OUR WORDS

Interested in the origin of language? Words and sayings can be fun. Bring a word and we'll use it in an 'on-the-spot' writing task. Hone your writing skills with a friendly, like-minded group and let your talent emerge.

Alt Wednesdays from 3 July 1:00 - 3:00

Leaders and bookings:

Ann Orel 9638 2547 annorel@hotmail.com

Rachelle Rassaby 9797 2287 rrassaby@gmail.com

CALLIGRAPHY (18)

Learn beautiful writing and discover your artist within. No experience or talent necessary but time and effort essential.

Alt Thursdays from 11 July 1:00 - 3:00

Leader: Georgie Tuck 9626 1334

georginatuck93@gmail.com

PEOPLE WHO CHANGED THE WORLD

A look at the lives of personalities with significant influence on the social/economic development of humanity. Our focus is psychological. We consider their life environment, family relationships, what they did, how this changed the world and affected peoples' lives.

Alt Thursdays from 1 Aug 2:00-4:00

Leader: Barry Hanlon

Bookings: Rex Broadbent 0433 000 556

rexpatriat@optusnet.com.au (preferred)

1. Queen of Sheba

What is the biblical record of this woman and what do historians have to say about her?

1 Aug Presenter: Barry Hanlon

2. Urbain Le Verrier

A French astronomer and mathematician who specialised in celestial mechanics. Known for predicting the existence and position of Neptune using mathematics.

15 Aug Presenter: Barry Hanlon

3. Douglas Bader

A WW1 Royal Air Force flying ace. After losing his legs in 1931, he retrained and scored his first victories over Dunkirk in 1940.

29 Aug Presenter: Rex Broadbent

4. Kylie Minogue

Australia-British singer/actress. Recognised as the highest selling Australian artist of all time by the Australian Recording Industry Association.

12 Sept Discussion group led by Rex Broadbent

5. Douglas Mawson

An Australian geologist, Antarctic explorer and academic. A key expedition leader during the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration

26 Sept Presenter: Con Bugden

6. Henry Heinz

A German-American entrepreneur who founded the H.J. Heinz Company. Was influential in introducing high sanitary standards for food manufacturing.

24 Oct Presenter: Barry Hanlon

7. Babe Ruth

A professional baseball player. Considered to be the greatest baseball player of all time.

7 Nov Presenter: Barry Hanlon

8. Manuel Belgrano

An Argentine economist, lawyer, politician and military leader. Participated in the Argentine Wars of Independence and created the Argentinian flag.

21 Nov Presenter: Barry Hanlon

PARRAMATTA: HARRY TODD BAND HALL

Jubilee Lane (approach from Jubilee Park on Parkes St)
Parking available.

WORLD HISTORY: WORLD WAR 1

How did World War 1 start? Why did it turn into a stalemate of mud and trenches? How was the stalemate broken by the Allies in 1918? These and other issues will be explored.

Alt Fridays from 5 July 10:00 - 12:00

Leader: Colin Smith

Bookings: John Brockman alban.kingslangle@gmail.com

A LIVELY DISCUSSION GROUP

Have your say. I may not agree with what you say but I will defend your right to say it.

Alt Fridays from 12 July 10:00 - 12:00

Leader: Robert Russell

Bookings: Dorothy Johnson 9621 2389 (after 5pm)

TOONGABBIE: ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH HALL

Aurelia St. Parking available. **Wheelchair access**

MONDAY CANASTA AND MAH JONG (WESTERN STYLE)

Learn Canasta and Mah Jong (Western Style). Practise, refresh and polish up your skills for both these social games with a friendly group.

Each Monday from 8 July 1:00 - 3:30

(No session public holiday 7 Oct)

Leader and bookings: Jon Hendrikse 0411 472 633

jhendrikse39@hotmail.com

GENTLE EXERCISE AND DEEP RELAXATION (20)

This course aims to promote a depth of consciousness below the stressful surface. Discover the joy of deep relaxation and the health benefits of some very easy stretching. Please bring your own exercise mat and pillow.

Each Tuesday from 2 July 1:00 - 3:00

Leader and bookings: Warwick Pitt: 9727 8415

warwickjpitt@hotmail.com

LINE DANCING

Come along as a beginner and learn line dancing or further your skills with this enjoyable, healthy activity to Country or Modern music.

Each Wednesday from 10 July 1:00 - 3:00

Leader and bookings: Vicky Fitzgibbon 0427 240 583

vickfitzgibbon47@gmail.com

BALLROOM DANCING

Have fun! Learn the basic steps of Latin American and Traditional Ballroom dancing. No partners required.

Each Thursday from 4 July 1:00 - 3:00

Leader and bookings: Cecilia Padlan 0415 965 325

cbeauty023@gmail.com

PRIVATE HOMES

DESK-TOP FLYING FOR SENIORS (Carlingford) (8)

Frustrated aviators can learn to fly/navigate/enjoy scenery from some of 22,000 airports around the world using a stable of 144 aircraft (Wright Brothers to an A380). Projected onto a 6'x4' screen. No flying experience necessary.

Alt Tuesdays from 9 July 1:30 - 3:30

Leader and bookings: Keith Manwaring 9872 2907

snrpilot18@gmail.com

BRIDGE FOR ADVANCED PLAYERS (North Parramatta) (8)

Bridge for advanced players in a non-competitive atmosphere.

Alt Wednesday from 10 July 10:00 - 12:00

Leader and bookings: Liz Sobolewski 9630 7592

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT (South Wentworthville) (10)

Informal discussion about the activities and personalities of yesterday and today's prominent people, including royalty, outstanding contributors to the world scene and people in the news for whatever reason.

Alt Wednesdays from 3 July 10:00 - 12:00

Leader and bookings: Bev Cockburn 9635 7802

bevco4@bigpond.com (preferred)

ANYONE FOR MURDER? (South Wentworthville) (10)

Participants offered a selection of DVDs and videos of murder mysteries featuring well-known fictional sleuths such as Frost, Morse, Colombo, Barnaby, Miss Marple, Hercule Poirot, & Inspector Lynley. Episodes of 'Endeavour', 'Lewis' and 'Vera' may be added to our adventures.

Alt Wednesdays from 10 July 10:00 - 12:30

Leader and bookings: Bev Cockburn 9635 7802

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MUSIC AND SONG (Carlingford) (8)

Learn theory and terminology of music, voice production and breathing methods. Bring along a short life story of your most admired composer and sing your favourite song.

Fourth Wednesday of each month from 24 July 10:00 - 12:00

Leader and bookings: Suzanne Su 9872 1230

EXPLORING THE PAST (Merrylands West) (10)

Video clips and discussion about various famous people and events of historic importance from the past.

Alt Thursdays from 4 July 10:00 - 12:00

Leader and bookings: Bev Cockburn 9635 7802

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